(d) what steps in details Government propose to curb such nefarious activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Government have taken several steps which include sensitizing and gearing up of the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated actions by concerned Central and State agencies including Army, Para-military Forces, Intelligence agencies and State Police.

Restoration of Land to its Occupants

2822. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the Andhra Pradesh Government to give a piece of defence land acquired by the State to its occupants belonging to the weaker section; and

(b) if so, the action taken to ensure that 20,000 people who were living for fifty years on the land get back the land paying the modest price as directed by NHRC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Union Government decided to transfer the piece of land, known as Tadepalligudem Air Field, belonging to the Ministry of Defence to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, as some writ petitions are pending in the High Courts, in this regard, the State Government has been taking steps to get the same decided expeditiously.

Conducting Hearing of Rape Cases in Camera

†2823. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government propose to bring a comprehensive legislation for conducting the hearing of rape cases in camera;

(b) whether victims of rape cases have to face shameful situation at present during the hearing and operational process in rape cases;

(c) the main features of the proposed legislation; and

(d) by when it is likely to be brought ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) Since provisions already exist in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for conducting trial of rape cases 'in camera' as also for preventing printing or publishing of any matter relating to such trials, there is no proposal for any fresh legislation in this regard.

Terrorism in J and K

2824. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of terrorism in the Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, the number of incidents taken place during the year as on-date;

(c) the steps taken to contain terrorism in the valley; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J and K, with a view to escalate violence. During 2000, 679 incidents of terrorist violence have occurred up to 31-3-2000 in the State of J and K.

(c) and (d) To contain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through and institutional framework of operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces.